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Attorney Docket No.: 017887-008100US

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Geoffrey D. Ralston et al.

Application No.: 09/774,870

Filed: January 31, 2001

For: PROCESSING OF UNSOLICITED BULK  
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3151

Examiner: Barqadle, Yasin M.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2153

## AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.



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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/774,870	
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	Art Unit	2153	
	Examiner Name	Barqadle, Yasin M.	
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